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4521	9/30/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	25	Yes	
4522	9/30/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	24	Yes	
4523	9/30/49	New York Letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4524	9/29/49	Bureau teletype to Newark	1	Yes	
4525	9/30/49	Bureau Letter to New York	1	Yes	
4526	10/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4527	10/4/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4528	9/27/49	Report to Bureau	3	Yes	
4529	9/28/49	Newark letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4530	9/30/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4531	9/30/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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4532	9/30/49	New York Report to Bureau	2	Yes	
4533	9/30/49	Cleveland Report to Bureau	3	Yes	
4534	9/30/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4535	10/3/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	3	Yes	
4536	10/3/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4537	10/4/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4538	7/30/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
4539	10/4/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4540	10/4/49	New York Memo	2	No	released in entirety
4541	9/30/49	Los Angeles Report to Bureau	7	Yes	
4542	10/4/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety

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4543	10/3/49	New York Memo	2	No	released in entirety
4544	9/30/49	Los Angeles Report to Bureau	6	Yes	
4545	10/3/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4546	10/4/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4547	10/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
4548	10/5/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4549	10/4/49	Bureau letter to Newark	1	Yes	
4550	10/4/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4551	10/4/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4552	7/30/49	Bureau teletype to Boston	1	Yes	
4553	9/30/49	St. Louis Report to Bureau	3	Yes	

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4554	10/3/49	Baltimore Report to Bureau	33	Yes	
4555	10/4/49	Newsclipping Boston Globe	1	Yes	
4556	10/4/49	Boston letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
4557	10/5/49	New York Memo	3	No	released in entirety
4558	10/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4559	10/4/49	New York teletype to New Haven	1	Yes	
4560	10/5/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4561	10/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4562	10/5/49	New York teletype to Seattle	1	Yes	
4563	10/5/49	Philadelphia teletype to New York	1	No	released in entirety
4564	10/6/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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4565	10/3/49	Charlotte Report to Bureau	3	Yes	
4566	10/6/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	6	Yes	
4567	10/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4568	10/4/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4568A	10/4/49	New York Memo	2	No	released in entirety
4569	10/5/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	Yes	
4570	10/4/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4571	10/6/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
4572	10/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	6	Yes	
4573	9/30/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4574	10/5/49	Western Union Gran	1	No	"Ref to Department of Justice"



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4575	10/5/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4576	10/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4577	10/6/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4578	10/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4579	10/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4580	10/6/49	New York teletype to Albany	1	Yes	
4581	10/6/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4582	10/6/49	Albany letter to New York	1	Yes	
4583	10/7/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4584	10/7/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4585	10/6/49	New York teletype to Baltimore	2	Yes	

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4586	10/6/49	Albany Report to Bureau	2	Yes	
4587	10/5/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	Yes	
4588	10/7/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4589	10/7/49	San Francisco teletype to Miami	1	No	released in entirety
4590	10/8/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4591	10/8/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4592	10/7/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4593	10/7/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4594	10/7/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4595	10/7/49	Pittsburgh teletype to New York	2	Yes	
4596	10/8/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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4597	10/4/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4598	10/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4599	10/7/49	Pittsburgh Report to Bureau	5	Yes	
4600	10/10/49	New York Memo	3	Yes	
4601	10/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4602	10/8/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4603	10/5/49	Seattle Report to Bureau	6	Yes	
4604	10/6/49	Chicago Report to Bureau	7	Yes	
4605	10/7/49	Boston Report to Bureau	5	Yes	
4606	10/7/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4607	10/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	

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4608	10/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4609	10/11/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4610	10/10/49	Newark Report to Bureau	4	Yes	
4611	10/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4612	10/11/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4613	10/11/49	New York Memo	2	No	released in entirety
4614	10/11/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4615	10/11/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4616	10/12/49	Albany teletype to New York	2	No	released in entirety
4617	10/10/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4618	10/10/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	7	Yes	

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4619	10/12/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4620	10/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	Yes	
4621	10/12/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4622	10/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4623	10/12/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	Yes	
4624	10/10/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	10	Yes	
4625	10/10/49	Washington Field Office Report to Bureau	27	Yes	
4626	10/14/49	New York Teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4627	10/13/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4628	10/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4629	10/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	

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4630	10/11/49	New York letter to Citizen	1	No	released in entirety
4631	10/13/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety
4632	10/13/49	Bureau letter to Boston	1	Yes	
4633	10/14/49	Washington Field Office letter to New York	1	Yes	
4634	10/12/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	4	Yes	
4635	10/13/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	3	Yes	
4636	10/13/49	Boston Teletype to Bureau	1	Yes	
4637	10/12/49	Miami Report to Bureau	2	Yes	
4638	10/14/49	Seattle teletype to New York	1	No	released in entirety
4639	10/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	Yes	
4640	10/14/49	New York Memo	1	No	released in entirety

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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

This morning, SA Francis D. O'Brien of the Boston office advised that yesterday, during an interview with the wife of ex-judge CHARLES L. CARR, she advised that she and her husband had been vacationing in Peacham, Vermont for approximately the past 15 years and that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS had been summering there also about the same number of years. She stated that the people in Peacham are very, very pro-HISS and during the past summer, the HISSES maintained excellent poise and relationships there.

Mr. O'Brien stated this information was being furnished for such value as it is worth in connection with the motion made by the defense at this time for a change of venue to Vermont. This information should be furnished to Messrs. Donegan and Murphy.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 4, 1949.

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On October 4, 1949, Mr. FRED WOLTMAN of the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM telephonically advised the writer that he had received a telephone call from Mr. WILLIAM LOEB, publisher of several newspapers, one of which is the ST. ALBANS DAILY MESSENGER in Burlington, Vermont. One of his newspapers is published in New Hampshire.

According to WOLTMAN, LOEB has become very much concerned about the possibility of the HISS trial being switched to Vermont. He feels certain that the trial would come under Governor ERNEST GIBSON who has been appointed by President Truman as a Federal Judge and is awaiting confirmation. GIBSON is a Republican. According to LOEB, some time ago one KARL PARSLAGE, who is with the National Headquarters of the American Legion, put out a list of speakers whom the Legion felt were undesirable from the standpoint of either being Communists or fellow travelers. The name of MARSHALL DIMACK was on this list.

According to WOLTMAN, DIMACK is definitely a fellow traveler and lists himself as a former Assistant to the Attorney General in 1941. He is also a member of the Committee for Academic Freedom and the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, which according to WOLTMAN are left wing organizations.

When this list came out Governor GIBSON on the floor of an American Legion Convention in Vermont publicly denounced the placing of DIMACK on this list and defended him in every way. Although LOEB does not feel GIBSON is a Communist or fellow traveler he, nevertheless, feels he is an opportunist and could easily be convinced that HISS is not guilty. He felt that it would be to the disadvantage of the government to have the case tried under GIBSON.

For information purposes the writer is a personal friend of Mr. WILLIAM LOEB. LOEB is terribly interested in politics and is on the opposite side of the fence, as it were, to GOVERNOR GIBSON. The writer is also from Vermont and although not acquainted with GOVERNOR GIBSON, nevertheless, has heard information concerning him to the effect that he is highly regarded and well liked. Nothing has ever been heard to the effect that he is a fellow traveler and certainly not a Communist. It is believed that Mr. LOEB has a tendency to be somewhat over enthusiastic and thus this should be taken into consideration in giving the above information proper significance.

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The above comments in no way should be construed as reflecting on the honesty and integrity of Mr. LOEB. It is merely being pointed out to show that a lot of politics may be involved and thus even though Mr. LOEB may feel that he is expressing an honest opinion, it, nevertheless, may be tainted somewhat due to the political situation in Vermont.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,  
Supervisor - Section #7.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

October 4, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On October 4 FRANK TRACEY of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, advised that during conversation with an informant of his, who is a seaman associated with the IWO and a former CP member, he learned that the informant, on a visit to Baltimore, had spoken with an individual, unidentified, who had said that he had been a schoolmate of ALGER HISS that this individual is certain HISS was a former member of the Communist Party; and that HISS at one time had asked this unknown individual to either join the CP or visit a CP meeting with him. Mr. TRACEY advised that he had not explored the statements made by his informant, but desired to bring them to the attention of this office in the event an interview with the informant was desired.

Arrangements were made with Mr. TRACEY to have his informant at this office on the morning of October 5 next in order that the full details might be obtained from him at first hand.

R. P. X. O'KEEFE,  
Special Agent

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*Signature:* Gallant

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United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

October 3, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM  
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A conference was called by AUSA THOMAS F. MURPHY today in Room 1404 in connection with the information supplied this date by EDWARD McLEAND HISS' lawyer, to the effect that on October 4, 1949, he would file moving papers asking for a change in venue to the State of Vermont in connection with the retrial of the HISS case. Present at this conference were Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY, SAAG T. J. DONEGAN, SAS A. J. TUOHY, J. M. KELLY, J. J. DANAHY, and the writer.

Several aspects of the possible arguments that Mr. MURPHY might use in opposition to this motion were discussed and have been made the subject matter of separate memorandums which are dated this date. During the conference, MURPHY telephonically communicated with USA JOHN H. McNAVARA at Burlington, Vermont. MURPHY advised McNAVARA of the motion for change in venue, and the reason the HISS attorneys were asking for this change in venue. McNAVARA gave MURPHY his off-hand opinion that the case had received rather wide publicity in the Vermont papers, but volunteered that a great many of the people in Burlington and other Vermont towns subscribed to the large Boston dailys which gave this trial rather extensive coverage.

McNAVARA also advised that Judge LEAHY of Vermont recently died and that ERNEST GIBSON, the present governor, had been selected to be the new Federal Judge, and that GIBSON'S name, although he has not been confirmed, is presently before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

McNAVARA confidentially informed Mr. MURPHY that he had some rather important information concerning GIBSON that he could not talk about over the telephone. McNAVARA suggested that MURPHY come up to Burlington on October 5, 1949 so that a discussion could be had in connection with this matter. MURPHY volunteered that it was his opinion the defense attorneys were well aware of the recent "shakeup" in the judicial picture in Vermont, and that there was a very great possibility that this was one of the reasons for requesting the change in venue.

MURPHY also stated that McNAVARA has been a United States Attorney for approximately twelve years, was Chairman of the Vermont State Democratic

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Committee, and practically the only big Democrat in the State. McNAMARA apparently felt that he, McNAMARA, should have received the appointment for the Federal Judgeship. In connection with GIBSON, MURPHY also stated that the latter's father was a senator, and that GIBSON himself filled an unexpired term upon the death of his father.

In view of the possibility that the change in venue motion might be granted, Mr. MURPHY was desirous of knowing whether the Bureau had any information concerning GIBSON that might bear on the trial of ALGER HISS on the event it was tried in Vermont.

In view of the fact that the Bureau has conducted a Departmental Applicant investigation in connection with ERNEST GIBSON, it is suggested that the above information be telephonically communicated to the Bureau, and that any information in GIBSON'S applicant file that may have any bearing on this case should be relayed to the New York Office.

Take this  
up after we  
find out what  
Murphy learned  
RJ

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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October 4, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

Reference is made to the memorandum of SA Thomas G. Spencer, dated October 3, 1949, relative to the request of AUSA Thomas F. Murphy for SA Spencer to accompany him to Burlington, Vermont for a conference with United States Attorney John H. McNamara.

On the morning of October 4, 1949, in the absence of Inspector H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I discussed this matter with Mr. Leo Laughlin. On the afternoon of October 4, Mr. Fletcher advised that the Bureau felt it was inadvisable for Agent Spencer to proceed to Vermont for this conference.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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United States Department of Justice  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

October 5, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM  
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Reference is made to the Baltimore office letter dated September 19, 1949 and New York teletype to the Bureau and Baltimore dated September 12, 1949, both dealing with a news release made by WALTER WINCHELL on September 12, 1949 concerning "Time" magazine and JOHN OSBORNE, one of its employees. The information contained in referenced letter was made available to Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY and he advised that although CHAMBERS' explanation appeared to be satisfactory, he felt that we should pursue this matter further, particularly at "Time" magazine, so that we would be fully prepared in the event that this matter became initial in the retrial of the HISS case.

On September 28, SA JOHN J. DANAHY, and the writer interviewed JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, 3rd floor of the Time and Life Building at Radio City. CHAMBERLAIN is on the editorial staff of "Life" magazine and is a close personal friend of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. CHAMBERLAIN was asked whether he knew anything about the item appearing in the "Daily Mirror" of September 12 and he related that he had seen the article and that on the day it was printed, JOHN OSBORNE talked to him and stated that he had seen the article and indicated he was making an attempt to find the cable that was referred to in WINCHELL'S column. OSBORNE stated that he was quite upset over the article and told CHAMBERLAIN that there was no truth in it, that in fact, he had disagreed during that period with CHAMBERS over the latter's style of writing and editing foreign news articles, and that he recalled having sent a cablegram from Italy expressing his views as to how the Foreign News Section of "Time" should be edited. However, he told CHAMBERLAIN that he certainly had not accused CHAMBERS of attempting to change "Time" from "a news magazine to a fiction magazine", but rather had criticized CHAMBERS' use of the fantasy style in

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editing foreign news. CHAMBERLAIN stated that OSBORNE indicated to him that he believed that CHAMBERS was telling the truth in the HISS case and CHAMBERLAIN believes that in the event OSBORNE were called by the defense, he would refute the allegation made in the WINCHELL article. CHAMBERLAIN stated that he has no knowledge of where OSBORNE had located this cablegram but he would endeavor to ascertain from him where he had found it.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN stated he had no knowledge of whether or not HISS' attorneys had attempted to review or subpoena any of the "Time" cablegrams or other records and he suggested that JACK DOWD of the Legal Division would be able to furnish this information.

The writer and SA JOHN J. DANAHY attempted to see Mr. DOWD on the same day, but the latter was not in his office and was not available until September 30. It is noted that Mr. DOWD'S secretary is NANCY KELLY, a former Bureau employee. Miss KELLY reviewed DOWD'S files and stated that from her perusal of them, she doubted very much whether "Time" had been served a subpoena by HISS' attorneys in this matter.

On September 30, HAROLD MEDINA, Jr. of the law firm of CRAVATH, SWAIN and MOORE, which firm represents "Time", Inc., communicated with the writer and advised that he had just received a telephone call from Mr. DOWD in connection with an appointment that the agents were making with him. Mr. MEDINA stated that he was desirous of knowing the nature of the inquiry and thought that he possibly would be in a position to give the desired information. Mr. MEDINA was informed briefly of the nature of the inquiry and he stated that he was positive that no subpoenas had been served on Time, Inc., by the HISS attorneys for any record whatsoever. He stated that it was his personal opinion that the article did not have any actual basis but stated that he would check into the matter very carefully and would advise this office of the results of his inquiry. Mr. MEDINA stated that the CRAVATH, SWAIN and MOORE firm had followed the policy in this case of giving any information in their possession to both the defense and the Government and advised that if the subpoenas had been served, he would have so informed the Government, and in the event "Time" was subsequently served with these papers, he would so inform this office.

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Thereafter SA JOHN J. DANAHY called JACK DOWD and advised him of Mr. MEDINA'S conversation and DOWD stated that he would personally talk to JOHN OSBORNE and find out whether or not OSBORNE had located the cablegram in question and upon ascertaining this information, would notify this office.

In the event that this cablegram is made available to this office, consideration should be given to having this matter cleared with Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS F. MURPHY before it is accepted by an agent of this office in view of the fact that undoubtedly MEDINA will make this material available to HISS' lawyers. It may be that circumstances may dictate that it would be better not to receive this document.

THOMAS G. SPENCER  
Special Agent







Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

October 4, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

In August of 1948 WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, in both public and closed sessions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, accused numerous persons, a great many of whom were in high government positions during the early and late thirties, as being members of the Communist Party or Communist Party sympathizers. Among those named was ALGER HISS, who from 1933 to 1946 held executive positions in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Nye Investigating Committee, and the Department of State. After these disclosures ALGER HISS himself testified before the HCUA, denied the allegations of CHAMBERS, and challenged the latter to make such statements outside the immunity of the HCUA.

On August 27, 1948, CHAMBERS accused HISS of being a Communist on a radio program "Meet the Press," Station WOR, New York City. Thereafter HISS sued CHAMBERS for \$75,000 in a slander and libel action in the Federal Court, Baltimore, Maryland. On November 17, 1948, while being interrogated in a pre-trial examination in the slander and libel suit in Baltimore, CHAMBERS produced the now famous "pumpkin papers." Thereafter these papers were turned over to the Department of Justice, and CHAMBERS, HISS, and a number of people, most of whom accused by CHAMBERS of being Communists, were questioned before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City. On December 15, 1948, this Grand Jury handed down a two-count indictment accusing ALGER HISS of perjury. Thereafter this case was made a "special" with the New York Office being designated as the office of origin; CHAMBERS was interrogated continuously for approximately fourteen weeks, and as a result of his disclosures extensive investigations were conducted throughout the country but particularly in Baltimore, Washington, D. C., Boston, and New York City. This investigation was concerned primarily with the corroboration of the CHAMBERS disclosures, the location of handwriting and typewriting specimens of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, and an effort to locate the now famous FANSLER Woodstock typewriter.

The trial of this case began May 31, 1949, before Federal Judge Samuel Kaufman in the Southern District of New York, and ended July 8, resulting in a hung jury. A poll of the jurors after their verdict reflected that eight had

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voted in favor of conviction; four for acquittal.

As of the date of this memorandum this file consists of 100 sections, which reflects to some extent the amount of investigative time devoted to this case.

The retrial of this case has been set for October 10, 1949. However, on October 3 EDWARD McLEAN, counsel for HISS, advised AUSA T. F. Murphy, who has been the Government prosecutor in this case, that McLEAN would file a motion for change in venue to the State of Vermont, and indicated to Murphy that LLOYD PAUL STRYKER, trial counsel for HISS in the first trial, will be replaced by CLAUDE B. CROSS, a Boston lawyer, and further that in view of these developments a postponement to November 1 would be asked at the time this case is called on the calendar October 10.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent



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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At 5:50 pm on October 6, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office advised that copies of the Bennington "Banner" for May 31 and the months of June and July, 1949 were being sent air express to this office on Flight 35, Colonial Airlines, arriving at LaGuardia Field at 8:30 pm on October 6. This information was furnished to SA Tom Spencer by Night Supervisor Walter Lewis.

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REFERENCED REPORT FOR YOUR OFFICE TO INTERVIEW MRS. JOHN HAMER.

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United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

October 8, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAHAM

On October 8, 1949 SA Thomas Spencer requested that the writer phone the Bureau for the following purpose.

According to the "World Telegram" of June 4, 1949 CHAMBERS was supposed to have had a "secret session" with the House Committee on Un-American Activities on December 28, 1948 at his farm at Westminister. Thomas F. Murphy, U.S. Attorney's Office, thinks that the results of that secret session were later made public. The Bureau was to be requested to ascertain whether or not the results of the secret session were ever made public.

The writer communicated this request to Supervisor W. J. Hurley at the Bureau, who advised that the New York Office would be called back as soon as any information was obtained by the Bureau.

JOE WOHL, SA

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*Douglas M. Brown of Bureau called me at 6:30 P.M. & said that ~~just~~ Jim Russell is the only one who would have the info & he is out of town & unavailable till Monday. They will call us then. (WJW#1)*

*For further developments, see my memo of Oct 8, 1949. WJW #7*

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MEMO:

Re: JAHAM

At 9:15 p.m. on instant date, Supervisor D.M. Brown of the Bureau telephonically advised the writer that in connection with our inquiry of the Bureau of the same date, he had determined that the session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities was held at CHAMBERS' Farm on Dec. 12, 1948. Testimony was taken for about 5 hours, presumably that of Chambers. Short hand notes were taken but these have never been transcribed and are presently in the files of the committee. The session above referred to was not made a matter of public record. But BROWN suggested that probably one of the members of the Committee probably leaked the information to the press. He stated that the Bureau would not secure a transcript of the Stenographers notes unless advised to the contrary by this office.

At 9:20 p.m., I furnished the above information to Special Agent THOMAS SPENCER who advised that he would handle the matter with the U.S. Attorney.

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New York, N. Y.

October 4, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

SA Obendorf of the Washington Field Office called today and indicated that the public utility people in Washington had read in the newspapers that there would be a continuance of instant case and were desirous of knowing whether (1) they should appear in New York on October 10; (2) whether the United States Attorney desired the utility people to bring along the utility records of the CATLETT family.

The writer subsequently called SA Obendorf and advised that Mr. Murphy was desirous of having the utility records of the CATLETT family produced by these companies, and Obendorf declared that apparently the utility people had not read the letter that accompanied the subpoena which indicated they were not to appear on the date the subpoena called for, but were to await a telegram from the U. S. Attorney. Obendorf was advised that these witnesses would receive a telegram in sufficient time to enable them to come to New York with their records without any undue personal inconvenience.

T. G. SPENCER,  
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October 10, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On the afternoon of October 5, 1949, ASAC Blaylock of Albany advised that with reference to returning the property of FELIX AUGUST INSLEER VAN the Albany Office desired that rather than returning it personally to INSLEER-VAN at New York City, it be forwarded to the Albany Office when it has served its purpose. Mr. Blaylock explained that this was desired because it will give the agent in Albany handling the case a reason for seeing INSLEER-VAN, and further opportunities to attempt to induce him to tell his story. I told Mr. Blaylock that we would send the property to Albany as requested when we have finished with it here.

ALBERT J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent

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MEMO:

Re: JAHAM

MR. TOM MALLEY, of "News Week," called MR. SCHEIDT'S Office on October 10, 1949, and in his absence was referred to me. MALLEY, it will be recalled, raised some questions about our investigation of a sister of his who was being considered for a VOA job.

MR. MALLEY stated that his office, not for publication, is wondering whether there is any source available in New York City where they might have an experiment with a lie detector performed for their own information. I told him that I would check the matter and call him back. In the meantime, I spoke to DON PARSONS at the Bureau and PARSONS advised me that SA T. J. MC SHANE, in our office, had worked with the lie detector at the Bureau and had continued his interest in it, and PARSONS believed that MC SHANE had some contact with the men at Fordham University who were working on a lie detector and carrying on the work of Father SOMERS, who is now dead but who, before his death, did quite a bit of research in the field. I talked to Agent MC SHANE and he advised me that DR. JOSEPH KUBIS, at Fordham, is carrying on the work of Father SOMERS in reference to the development of what they call the psycho-galvanometer.

I called MR. MALLEY back and advised him that it would appear that of course a police agency such as ours, the New York State Police or a private detective agency would not be able to conduct the type of experiment that it appeared "News Week" was interested in. MR. MALLEY stated that that was correct. I advised him that DR. JOSEPH KUBIS at Fordham University is conducting experimental work in reference to the development of a lie detector and that in this area it occurred to me that he would be probably the best man to contact. MALLEY thanked me very much for this information.

MALLEY then advised confidentially that the reason for the inquiry was that they had received overtures from MR. CHAMBERS to appear on "News Week's" TV Program. MALLEY stated that of course "News Week" being a competitor of "Time" magazine was getting a big bang out of CHAMBERS' contact with them and that "News Week" had referred the whole matter to their attorneys for consideration. MALLEY further advised that CHAMBERS offered to undergo any lie detector test that

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"News Week" would care to have him submit to. MALLEY stated that he doubted very much whether anything was going to be done in reference to CHAMBERS' offer but that he had been designated to determine whether or not there might be a lie detector source in New York that they could consider using in the event the magazine wanted to go along with this offer of CHAMBERS.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN  
ASAC

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JAHAM. AN EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN THE BRATTLEBORO, VT. DAILY REFORMER ON OCT. EIGHT LAST READS AS FOLLOWS. HEADLINE, FAIR TRIAL IN VERMONT. QUOTE. THE EFFORTS OF ALGER HISS TO HAVE HIS SECOND TRIAL MOVED FROM NY TO VT, WHERE HE HAS A SUMMER HOME, HAS BROUGHT SOME INTERESTING COMMENTS FROM THE NY PRESS. SINCE ONE OF THE REASOS HISS GAVE IN HIS REQUEST FOR CHANGE WAS THE MANNER IN WHICH SOME OF THE NY PAPERS HANDLED THE DAY TO DAY NEWS OF HIS NY TRIAL, WHICH ENDED IN AN EIGHT DASH FOUR JURY WEIGHTED ON THE GUILTY SIDE, IT IS NATURAL THAT THE HOSTILE PART OF THE NY PRESS IS STILL SAYING NOTHING GOOD ABOUT ALGER HISS. IT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THIS PIECE TO RETRY THE HISS CASE. ~~FIXIT~~ IT IS OUR PURPOSE, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH SEVERAL NY PAPERS TRIED TO SERVE AS JURY DURING THE FIRST TRIAL INDICATES THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THEY AND VERMONT PAPERS CONSIDER TO BE FAIR AND JUST. HISS SAYS HE WILL GET A FAIRER TRIAL IN VT. THAN IN THE BIG CITY. WE DON-T KNOW THAT HE WOULD GET AN UNFAIR TRIAL IN NY. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT HIS TRIAL WOULD GET FAIR TREATMENT FROM VT. NEWSPAPERS, WHICH IT DID NOT GET IN NY.

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY FAIR TREATMENT. WE MEAN MERELY THAT THERE IS NOT REASON TO BELIEVE HISS TRIAL WOULD BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENTLY FROM ALL TRIALS IN VT. IT IS TRADITIONAL AMONG VT. NEWSPAPERS TO REPORT NOTH BUT TESTIMONY DURING COURT TRIALS, AND TO WITHHOLD EDITORIALIZING AND COMMENT WHILE THE TRIAL IS IN PROCESS.

THE NY DAILY NEWS, THE NY JOURNAL AMERICAN AND THE NY WORLD TELEGRAM DID UXXQUITE THE CONTRARY DURING THE FIRST HISS TRIAL, IT IS HISS CONTENTION THIS NOT ONLY HAD ITS EFFECT ON THE TRIAL BUT SERVED TO PREJUDIE THE READERS OF THOSE NEWSPAPERS TO THE EXTENT THEY COULD NOT SERVE FAIRLY AS JURORS.

THE NY DAILY NEWS, NOT CONTENT WITH TRYING HISS, DECIDED THE OTHER DAY TO SERVE AS JURY IN COMING TO ITS OWN DECISION ON THE QUALITY AND INTELLIGENCE OF VT. NEWSPAPERS. IT SAID, POMPOUSLY SINGLE QUOTE. SO ALGER WANTS TO GO TO VT, WHERE REPUBLICAN FARMERS SUPPOSEDLY HAVEN-T READ SO MANY NEWSPAPER STORIES ABOUT PUMPKINS AND HUSH HUSH TYPEWRITERS, AND MAY BE LESS IRKED BY PINKISH SHENANIGANS THAN WE ARE. UNQUOTE SINGLE QUOTE. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, FELLOW COUNTRY BUMPKINS. SHALL WE ALL STAND AND GIVE A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE DAILY NEWS FOR ITS QUOTE FAIR UNQUOTE APPRAISAL OF TH VT PRESS. OF THE DAILY NEXXXXXXXXXX IF THE DAILY NEWS CAN BE WRONG ABOUT WHAT IT CALLS THE QUOTE REMTE XX REMOTE STATE OF VT UNQUOTE IT MIGHT BE WRONG IN BELIEVING THE DAILY NEWS TO BE THE ONLY NEWSPAPER CAPABLE OF REPORTIG THE FACTS OF LIFE TO WHAT IT CALLS QUOTE WE MILLIONS OF GENUINE AMERICANS. UNQUOTE. RUC.

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October 12, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

This morning, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office advised that an editorial appeared in the Brattleboro, Vermont "Daily Reformer" of October 8 last, which was critical of a few New York newspapers in their handling of the HISS trial. He inquired as to whether we desired the editorial.

I advised him that inasmuch as the motion for a change of venue was still pending and the defense had until tomorrow to file supplemental papers, it would be desirable to put the article on the teletype so that we can furnish it to AUSA Murphy for his information and to prevent his being surprised if the defense should utilize the article in its supplemental papers.

A. J. TUOHY  
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October 11, 1949

Debevoise, Plimpton and McLean  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

Attention: Mr. McLean

Gentlemen:

At the request of Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy for the Southern District of New York, I am attaching hereto a photostatic copy of Government Exhibit No. 22 in the case entitled U. S. vs. Alger Hiss. This exhibit is entitled, "President's Report for the year 1936-1937," and Mr. Murphy has informed me that you made a request of him for this particular document. It need not be returned.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

October 13, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, with aliases  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent David E. Todd dated August 18, 1949, at San Francisco.

Said report sets out a lead for the New York Office to exhibit a photograph of HIDEO NODA to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for identification purposes.

This lead has been held in abeyance awaiting the reinterview of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by agents of this office prior to the pending retrial of ALGER HISS on perjury charges.

This lead should be handled by the agents of this office who will conduct the reinterview of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS prior to the HISS trial.

J. P. MARTIN,  
Special Agent

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 ALGER HISS- PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED FAMILIAR. BALTIMORE FORWARD  
 ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. CHAMBERS IF AVAILABLE AND GIVE  
 DETAILS ANY INCIDENT OF FURTHER MEETING OF MRS. CHAMBERS  
 AND MRS. VANDERLIN IF MRS. CHAMBERS RECALLS OTHER MEETINGS.  
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 VANDERLIN TO EXHIBIT ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN RECEIVED FROM  
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